

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 301

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Virginia Dykes on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Dykes will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 14, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of James A. and Sally Phillips, Mrs. Dykes was born and raised in Grainger County; and

WHEREAS, growing up, Virginia Dykes enjoyed the company of ten brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Tennessee, Mrs. Dykes is a highly respected member of her community; she now resides in the Life Care Center of Cleveland, and she is one of the facility's most beloved residents; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Dykes shared many years of wedded bliss with William Lee Dykes, who has now gone on to his great reward; the delightful couple's blessed union produced two wonderful children, Ed and Jimmy Dykes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dykes is grateful to share both love and companionship with her six grandchildren: Cherie McAllister, Teri Thompson, Jim Dykes, Chip Dykes, Keith Dykes and Jim Dykes; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Dykes approaches her 11th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various events, as her health permits; she particularly enjoys working with ceramics; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Mrs. Virginia Dykes on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our warmest wishes for her continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.